



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 76**

January Session, 2009

House Bill No. 6473

*House of Representatives, March 16, 2009*

The Committee on General Law reported through REP. SHAPIRO of the 144th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT EXPANDING THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR FARM WINERIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 30-91 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2009*):

4 (f) The retail sale of wine and the tasting of free samples of wine by  
5 visitors and prospective retail customers of a permittee holding a  
6 manufacturer permit for a farm winery on the premises of such  
7 permittee shall be unlawful on Sunday before eleven o'clock a.m. and  
8 after [eight] nine o'clock p.m. and on any other day before ten o'clock  
9 a.m. and after [eight] nine o'clock p.m. Any town may, by vote of a  
10 town meeting or by ordinance, reduce the number of hours during  
11 which sales and the tasting of free samples of wine under this  
12 subsection shall be permissible.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	30-91(f)
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**GL**      *Joint Favorable*

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 6473*****AN ACT EXPANDING THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR FARM WINERIES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill extends the hours farm wineries can offer the retail sale and tasting of wine by allowing them to close at 9:00 p.m. instead of 8:00 p.m. every night. Under current law, their hours of operation are 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sundays, and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on all other days.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea    18    Nay   0    (02/26/2009)